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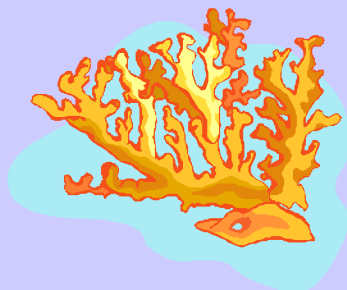
## What's Inside

**Proper Planning  
Key to Holiday  
Spending**



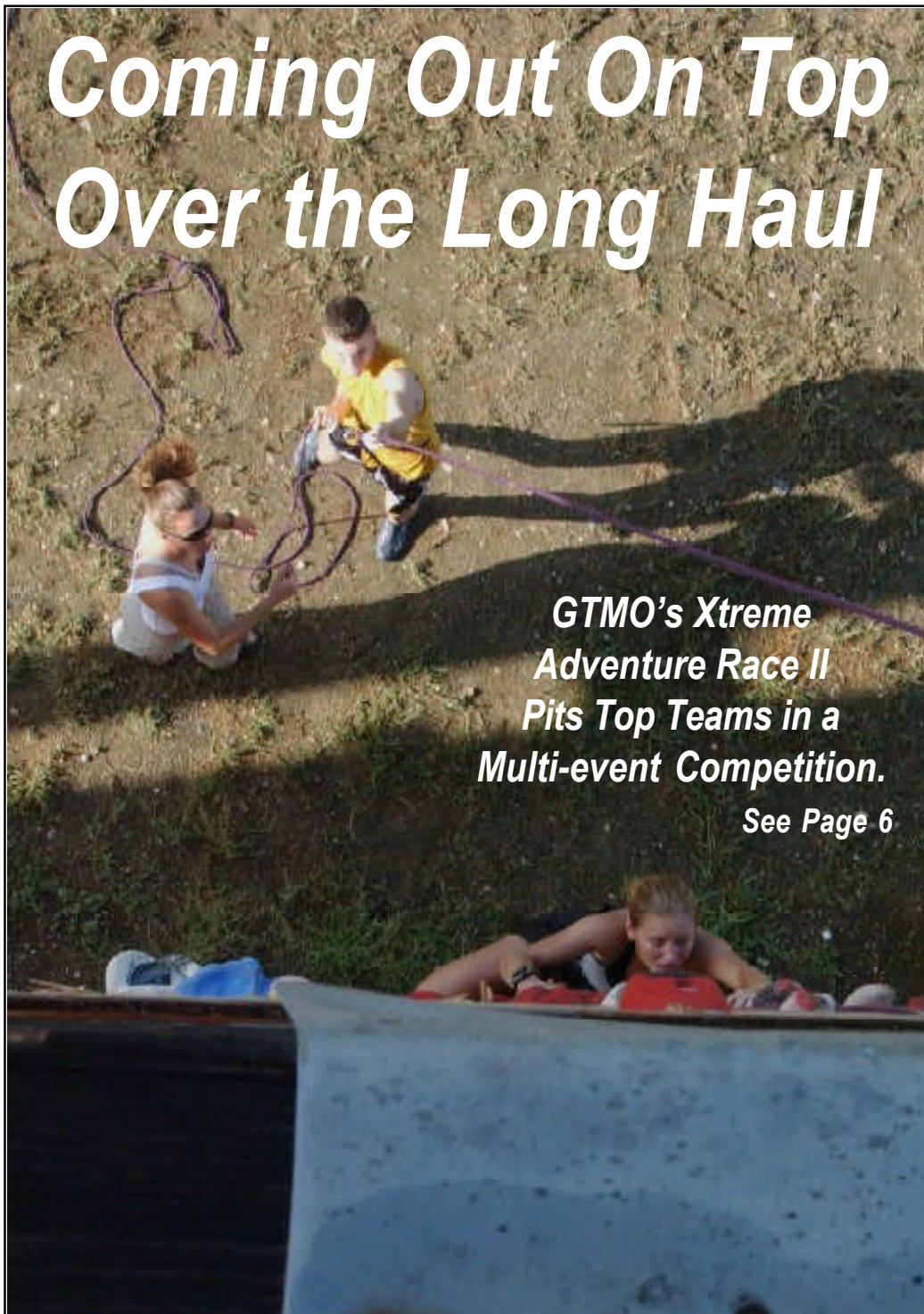
*Avoid the post-holiday bill blues. Fleet and Family Support offers valuable holiday spending advice. See page 5.*

**Creature Feature:  
Coral Reefs**



*In Guantanamo Bay, we have an extensive coral reef system. These reefs provide us with very high quality recreational diving, fishing, snorkeling, and other uses. Read the first in a series of articles on coral reefs on page 11.*

## Coming Out On Top Over the Long Haul



**GTMO's Xtreme  
Adventure Race II  
Pits Top Teams in a  
Multi-event Competition.**

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## Force Protection

**Don't be curious about spontaneous gatherings or demonstrations. Avoid them.**

## Water Conservation

**Nov. 18 - 24**

**Used 7,719,900.0**  
**Daily avg. 1,102,842.9**  
**Daily goal 1,000,000 gal**

**We spent \$53,578.10 over our budget for the week.**

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## YOU WON'T EVEN FEEL IT!



*It's time once again to get your annual flu shot. Shouldering the responsibility like a good Sailor, Naval Station Commander, Capt. Robert Buehn, bares his arm to the medical skills of Naval Hospital Commanding Officer, Capt. Al Shimkus. The rumor is that Capt. Buehn will get back at Capt. Shimkus by "sticking him" with the next dinner check. For more information on the Flu Shot Program see the Briefs on page 3.*

## Safety Reminders

**Reflective Gear.** If running / jogging between the hours of dusk to dawn and not on a track or field please wear the appropriate reflective gear. Naval Security Force has been tasked to issue tickets, but lets do it because it is the right thing and it leads to readiness.

**Speeding.** The average speed on GTMO roadways has crept up to a unacceptable level. We all need to do our part to slow down and stay with in the set limits. Also keep in mind the limits are set for normal weather conditions. When those conditions change the speed limit should be adjusted also.

**Seat Belts.** Keep up the good work. Our usage is in the high 90 percent. We have proven even in the 25 mph traffic accidents at GTMO seat belts reduce injuries.

**Truck Beds.** We have set guidelines for both government and private vehicles that carry passengers in truck beds. The guidelines are not currently being followed, and we are at risk of having someone thrown from a truck bed into the roadway. All private vehicles equipped to carry passengers will be inspected for proper seating and restraints (seat belts). Security will define the number of personnel authorized to be safely transported and will issue the appropriate sticker for the bumper. This will be closely monitored. PWO will monitor the movement of personnel in authorized Gov vehicles.

## December Tides Chart

Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
01	0627	1.65	1231	0.48	1757	1.22	—	—
02	0007	-0.12	0721	1.83	1337	0.47	1845	1.13
03	0055	-0.22	0815	1.96	1437	0.45	1933	1.06
04	0143	-0.27	0909	2.03	1537	0.45	2021	1.00
05	0225	-0.28	0957	2.02	1631	0.45	2115	0.95
06	0313	-0.23	1045	1.97	1725	0.46	2203	0.91
07	0401	-0.15	1132	1.87	1812	0.46	2256	0.89
08	0454	-0.04	1220	1.74	1906	0.45	2356	0.87



# Navy-wide Personnel Survey Seeks Sailors Opinions

**From Navy Personnel Research  
Studies and Technology Public Affairs**

Have you ever wished for a conversation with senior leadership to let them know what you think about work life in the Navy? The 2002 Navy-wide Personnel Survey (NPS) is your opportunity to do just that.

Starting in November, the Chief of Naval Personnel will be conducting the 2002 NPS. The survey is one of the most trusted sources of information used by senior leadership to gain insight into Navy work life.

The NPS has been administered every other year since 1990, going through many changes along the way. The purpose of the survey is to assess issues related to the quality of work life, career development, satisfaction with Navy life and career decisions.

Past surveys have been very helpful in highlighting both strengths and weaknesses of the Navy. In the last NPS (2000), Sailors indicated a number of concerns relating to work life.

As a result, the survey findings were used to support a number of initiatives including:

- the largest pay increase in the past 10 years (FY 2001/2002)
- implementation of a plan to raise the basic allowance for housing (BAH) to 100 percent coverage by FY05
- a renewed focus on increasing funds needed for parts and supplies
- expansion of career sea pay to include officers with less than three years of sea duty and junior enlisted paygrades (E-1 to E-3)
- efforts to overhaul the current Navy advancement system
- widespread changes in detailing to focus on your career needs and desires
- a significant increase in the amount and quality of information provided to Sailors, career counselors, supervisors and families on career development in the Navy.

To reduce impact on the fleet, the survey will use computer-based methods to select a random sample of officers and enlisted Sailors to ensure representation of the Navy.

Participation in this survey is voluntary; however, it is strongly encouraged so a valid and reliable portrait of the Navy can be obtained.

This year, participants will have a choice of how to complete the survey. Those selected to participate in the 2002 NPS will be able to complete the survey either in a paper booklet form or on the Internet. Participants will be mailed a paper survey and instructions on how to complete either version of the survey within the next few weeks.

## BRIEFS

### Flu Vaccine Available

The flu vaccine has arrived. Influenza immunization is required for all active duty personnel.

The vaccine is available to base residents for free during normal immunization clinic hours (Monday and Friday 0730-1530, Wednesday 0730-1130).

It is recommended for health care workers and "at risk" populations including children ages 6-23 months, adults over 50, adults and children with certain chronic medical problems (such as diabetes, asthma, emphysema, and heart failure) and pregnant women as well as household members and home care providers of these "at risk" persons.

Children being immunized for the first time require 2 doses one month apart.

### Seabees Seek Design

The Seabee Ball Committee needs motivated artists! The committee is looking for a unique, one-of-a-kind design exclusively for GTMO.

This design will symbolize the "Can Do" spirit of the Seabee Community in GTMO.

"Guantanamo Bay, Cuba" must appear on the final design, but should not have a date. The design does not have to be computer generated, but the quality must allow it to be reproduced for use on coins, T-shirts, etc.

The design is due by Thursday, December 12. If your design is selected, you win a \$50 Navy Exchange gift certificate. Any questions? Contact Lt. Matt Lowe at 4162, ext.211.

### FFSC Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work as part of the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) team. Opportunities at the FFSC include assisting with customer service programs; including Information and Referral, Relocation, Counseling, Reception, Marketing/Publicity, etc.

Volunteering is a great way to get acquainted with your new locality, meet new people, get involved in the community, and learn or enhance skills that can be transferred to the job market. Call 4141 for more details.

## Come See GTMO's Holiday Boat Parade



*Truly a sight to behold! GTMO's annual Holiday Boat Parade is December 7, starting at 6pm at the Marina. Refreshments and awards will be at the Marina following the event. FMI, call 2345.*

*From last year's event, Art Torley's "Gator Freight" was decked out for the holidays and for the colorful Holiday Lights Boat Parade. His boat was one of 16 decorated for this GTMO holiday tradition.*



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Coach Gann and the W.T. Sampson Pirates on winning the Captain's Cup Soccer Tournament and finishing their season 12-0.



## DEERS Information Essential for Seamless Healthcare

### From Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

There are many problems people cannot foresee that may cause the need for medical attention. However, there is one aspect of medical health care that helps to make the process smoother.

For beneficiaries in the Military Health System - active duty, Reservists, retirees and their family members - TRICARE is your healthcare benefit. TRICARE, however, is only available to those who are registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.

When beneficiary information is current, the door to TRICARE benefits is always open. Problems may arise, though, when DEERS information isn't up to date.

"Whenever you have a change in your life you should update your DEERS information," said Skip Katon, the Navy's DEERS medical project officer. "Even if you haven't had any life changes for years, when you update your or your family's military ID cards, you should ensure your DEERS information is up-to-date, too."

According to Katon, when DEERS information isn't current, one problem that can arise is when medical claims are filed with the medical support contractor. If you're not properly registered with DEERS, your claim may be denied. And while military

treatment facilities won't turn you away if you're sick and need care, you will be directed to update your information within 30 days, or face the possibility of being billed for service.

Address and telephone numbers, promotions, marriage, divorce, transfer to the Naval Reserve, deaths, births, reenlistments and retirements are all examples of changes that should be entered into your DEERS as soon as they happen to keep current.

TRICARE administrators encourage periodic DEERS check-ups to ensure information is up-to-date. Keeping current also ensures those important TRICARE-related healthcare documents, such as enrollment cards, brochures and privacy notices, and even mail-order prescription medications are delivered to the correct address and on time.

Ensuring accurate DEERS information is the responsibility of sponsors. DEERS and TRICARE helps you remember to make updates by mailing information to your current address, so it's essential that your address is current.

There are several ways to update your address:

✓ Visit the DEERS Website, [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers). This is the quick and easy way to do it.

✓ Visit a local personnel office that has a uniformed services I.D. card facility. To locate the nearest military ID card facility, visit the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DMDCSO) website, [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl). Call the personnel office before you go for hours of operation and what might be needed to update the record. This is especially important if you are updating a record for someone who is housebound.

✓ Fax address changes to the DMDCSO at (831) 655-8317.

✓ Call the DMDCSO Telephone Center at (800) 538-9552. The best time to call the center to avoid delays is between 6 a.m.-3 p.m. PST Wednesday-Friday.

✓ Mail the changed information to "Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Rd., Seaside, Calif. 93955-6771."

To update information other than addresses, documentation such as marriage, birth, or death certificates; DD 214s; or divorce decrees often must be provided. Contact the nearest military ID card facility to find out what documents are needed to update DEERS eligibility information.

For more information about DEERS records, call the DMDCSO Telephone Center at 1 (800) 538-9552. Hours of operation are 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. PST Monday-Friday



# A Message from Your Community Bank

Community Bank is managed locally by Bank of America Associates. The home office, Military Banking Overseas Division, is located in San Antonio, Texas. However, the U.S. Government owns all monies and equipment.

## News for Customers and ATM Users:

✓ Two new "All Weather Tolerant" Automatic Teller Machines (ATM's) are ordered to replace the two located outside the local branch at the NEX Complex. Delivery is anticipated around the first of the new year. While waiting for the new machines, customers use only clean, undamaged cards. To clean strips, use rubbing alcohol. Should your card remain in the machine, you may pick it up with the proper ID on the next business day. This a courtesy that Community Bank extends to non-customers here in GTMO, as stateside

banks do not routinely return captured cards.

✓ To ensure everyone has the option to utilize these machines:

Do not remove closed or out of order signs.

Do not use the ATMs as ashtrays.

Do not push anything through any openings in the ATMs.

Do not hit or kick the doors, buttons or screens.

Keep all wet items and trash off the ATMs.

Remove your card immediately upon end of transaction.

✓ Effective Monday, December 16, service charges will be strictly enforced. A few of these include: For non-customers – encashment of non on-us checks, 1 percent of the face amount or \$3 minimum (U.S. Treasury checks excluded). This includes any payroll checks not drawn against

Community Bank. For customers – Teller assisted withdrawals under \$500, balance inquiries, ATM card replacement due to loss (not damaged), \$1. Overdrawing of ATM only accounts, \$20 each occurrence.

✓ If you have extra coins you wish to turn into currency, come by the office and pick up coin wrappers. You may return them to us during business hours.

✓ Office hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday – Merchant hours - 9 to 10 am; Regular hours - 10am to 3pm. Closed Tuesday and Thursday, except to new accounts.

✓ Holiday schedule: Closed December 25 and 26. January 1, 2 and 20. Closing at noon for the observance of Cuban-American Friendship Day. For more information, call 5116.

## Happy Birthday NFCU!



*Last Friday, Navy Federal Credit Union celebrated 30 years here in Guantanamo Bay. Credit Union members, the staff, NAVSTA CO, Captain Robert Buehn, Naval Hospital CO, Al Shimkus, and NEX MGR, Jack Crotty, celebrated being in a tropical paradise by donning island theme flower lei's.*

*Over the years, NFCU has worked hard to become the world's largest credit union, offering an extensive array of exceptional products geared to meet the needs of its members.*

*You can leave the military, change employers, move, retire, get married - you never have to leave Navy Federal. Your membership is a foundation to last a lifetime - once a member, always a member.*

## W. T. Sampson Elementary Enrichment Day 2002 "Reading Around the World"

We would like to continue a W.T. Sampson Elementary School tradition and offer an Enrichment Day on Thursday, December 19th.

This is a day set aside when teachers and community members can share their holiday customs and/or an area of expertise. We invite our staff members, parents and community members who come from a variety of rich traditions, to bring a little bit of their heritage into our school.

On that special day various centers are set up in the school for classes to visit. Our invited guests enrich our students by reading, teaching crafts, cooking snacks, singing songs, and participating in activities with them.

Please contact the elementary school at 2207 for more information or to sign up to participate or act as a presenter.

Members of the Enrichment Day Committee are: Mrs. McClary, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Pollino, Mrs. Baggett, Mrs. Bunyun and Ms. Dalton.

Thank you for helping us provide an enriching, exciting, educational experience for our children!

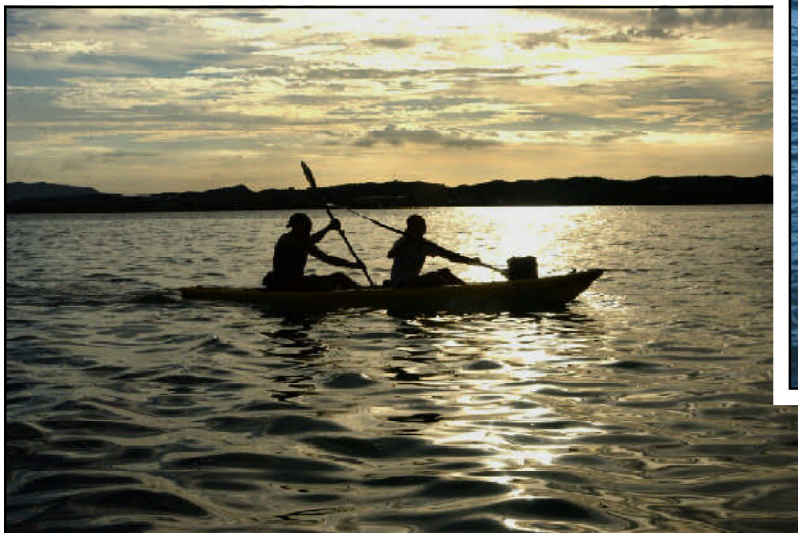


# ***And They're Off!***

*Five teams pitted their energy, skill and team spirit against the challenges of the second GTMO Xtreme Race. Once again, the MWR staff put together a challenging course for the teams and had them hitting the water in kayaks just after dawn. The mass start was a smooth one for almost every boater.*

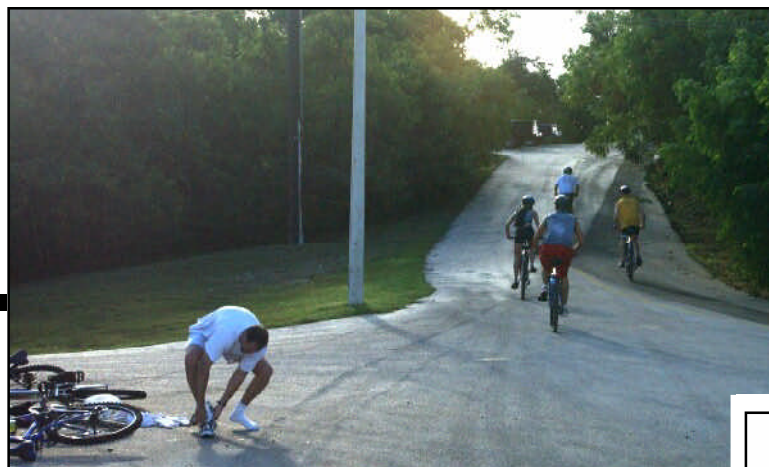


*(Below) Don't let the view distract you. Once out on the open waters of the bay, boaters had a hard time not letting the beautiful sunrise distract them from their goal at hand - to get their team back to the marina before the others.*



*(Above) Timing is everything when paddling the two-man kayaks. The proper coordination means extra paddle power can put you well out in front of your team members, however, finishing as a team is one of the rules of the race.*





(Left) "Who put that hill at the start of the bike leg!" MWR couldn't find a bus driver to take racers to the top of the hill, so they had to start at the Sailing Center and gut it out to the top. From there, it was all down hill, then up hill, then down hill, then ... Well, you get the idea.

(Below) That last down hill was a blessing, but what would follow definitely put a strain on all the teams.

(Below) Jump off that bike and hit the wall. The new climbing/reppeling wall at the Paintball Range posed a formidable obstacle for the teams as each team member had to first scale the wall, then reppel down. (Below Right) It was back to basics at the end of the adventure with the run to the finish line - again, an uphill to start!



## The End Is Near!



Congratulations to team members from 1st Place finishers: 346th MP- Eric Blewett, Autumn Blewett, Clint Bowman and Amis Essary with a finishing time of 4hrs-15min. 2nd Place went to JTF GTMO, Jim Buchanan, Ron Lapierre, Beth Ann Martin, and Farrell with a time of 5hrs-15min. And in 3rd Place: Naval Hospital- Lisa Czubernaut, Wayne Clark, Mike Danforth, and Brazwell at 5hrs-26min.



# FFSC Offers Tips for Holiday Spending

By Paul Walker

Financial Educator, Fleet and Family Support Center

It's that time again...holiday shopping is kicking into full gear. The following are a few tips from the Consumer Federation of America that may help you avoid the post-holiday debt blues.

**Budget Holiday Spending:** Right now, decide how much you can afford to spend and stay within that budget.

**Make a List:** Staying within this budget will be much easier if you make a price list of all gifts and other holiday items you plan to purchase.

**Comparison Shop:** You can easily save more than 10 percent on most items, sometimes considerably more, by comparing prices at different stores. If shopping on-line as many do here in GTMO, comparison shop on various websites and be sure not to go overboard with the credit card.

**Pay Off Debts As Quickly As Possible:** If you must make holiday purchases using credit, pay off this debt as soon

as possible in the new year. Remember that credit card debt is relatively expensive. And if you only make the 1.5% required monthly payment, you probably will never pay off the debt.

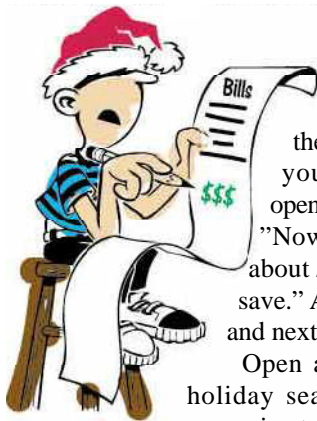
**Plan for Next Year by Opening a Christmas Club Account:**

While these accounts do not pay much interest, they do provide a practical way to save small amounts of money over time. Ask your local credit union or bank to automatically transfer funds from your checking to your Christmas Club account every month. You'll have a tidy sum by next Christmas.



## Say Goodbye to Post-Holiday Blues – Start Planning for the Next Holiday Season Now!

From the Home & Family Finance Resource Center



With the excitement of the holiday season over, many consumers aren't feeling so joyous as they open their mailboxes and out fly the bills for their holiday expenditures. If this means you, you can avoid it next year by opening up a Holiday Club account—now. "Now?" you ask. "Why would I worry about *next* holiday, I have plenty of time to save." And that's really the point—start now and next year will be stress-free.

Open an account now, well before next holiday season's money crunch. Figure out approximately what you spent this year, divide by 10 (most accounts pay out in October), and put this into the account monthly.

You can arrange to have that amount automatically deducted from your paycheck. That way you won't even miss the deduction. There usually are few minimum balance requirements to Holiday Club accounts, and the money is available early enough in the season to use it for most of your holiday shopping.

Consumers are likely to leave the money in the accounts all year because early withdrawal penalties, while not steep, are good deterrents. Another convenience is that the total savings amount can be transferred directly into your savings or checking account on a specific date.

Because few people save for holiday purchases, many consumers use credit cards to finance them. A Christmas account

is a good idea opposed to borrowing, or using a credit card, says Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C. "It's far less expensive to save money in a Christmas Club, even one that pays little or no interest, than to finance purchases with a credit card. Interest earned on the accounts is comparable to other savings accounts.

"Through careful budgeting and smart shopping, consumers can enjoy much Christmas cheer without suffering a New Year's debt hangover," Brobeck adds.



The Annual OCSC Christmas Tree Lighting tonight at 5pm at the NEX Atrium Followed by the illumination of Harbor Lights Hill. Questions call Kim Kanash 7392

OCSC Holiday Social and Ornament Exchange

December 5, 7pm - at Debi Buehn's Bring a wrapped ornament (\$10 limit) If you haven't joined yet now is your chance. Questions call Kathy Basel 2376





## Worship Services

### Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)

**Monday - Friday**

Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel) 0630

**Friday**

Holy Hour/Rosary 1700

(Cobre Chapel)

**Saturday**

Reconciliation 1630

Eucharist/Mass 1730

**Sunday**

Eucharist/Mass 0900

Eucharistic Adoration/Reflective  
Prayer (Cobre Chapel)

Daily 24hrs

### Protestant Services

**Sunday**

Services - Main Chapel 1100 & 1930

Camp America 0800

Leeward-Marine Barracks 1430

### New Life

(Main Chapel)

**Sunday**

Worship Service 1245

Sunday School (Sanctuary B) 1130

### Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday Sacrament 0900

### Jewish

(Fellowship Hall)

Every Friday 2000

### Filipino Bible Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)

**Sunday**

Worship 1800

### Iglesia Ni Cristo

(Sanctuary B)

**Sunday**

Worship 2000

### Pentecostal Gospel

Temple

(Sanctuary C)

**Sunday**

Worship 0800 & 1700

### Seventh Day Adventist

(Sanctuary B)

**Saturday**

Divine Service 1100

### Islamic Service

(Classroom 18)

**Friday**

Worship 1300

### United Jamacian Fellowship

(BLDG. 1036 - Next to Phoenix Cable)

Sunday Service 1100 & 1830

*Please ask the Faith Group  
Representative about Sunday  
School Times, Education  
Programs, Bible Study,  
Prayer Groups, etc. For  
more, call the Chaplain's  
Office at 2323.*



## Force Protection Training

ATFP Level I training is Thursday, December 5, 8:30am, in Bulkeley Hall Classrooms B/C. This training is required annually for all active duty members, dependents (14 yrs and up), civilians, and contractors. ***This is the last class before the holiday leave periods!*** POC is MA1 Stinson, 4306.

## An Important Holiday Message from the DAPA

As the holiday season officially kicks off, this is a time when many people become depressed and will think about committing suicide - some may even attempt it.

As the Command DAPA for Naval Station, I would like to encourage everyone to keep an eye out for each other. Remember most people contemplating suicide are undecided about living or dying. They do know they are in mental and physical anguish and view death as an option-one that they are more likely to choose with out intervention.

Studies have also suggested that alcohol plays a major role in many suicides. Alcohol is a depressant drug and can make depression ( an underlying cause of suicide) even worse.

So, if you notice that a friend or co-worker is acting depressed, please, think twice before taking them out for a drink. Be responsible and let's make this season a Merry one for all!



## School Lunch Menu

**Dec. 2 - 6**

**- MONDAY -**

Pepperoni Pizza,  
Tossed Salad,  
Fresh Fruit,  
Green Beans,  
Milk

**- TUESDAY -**

Meatballs w/Sauce,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Peas & Carrots,  
Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

**- WEDNESDAY -**

Baked Fish Sticks,  
Tartar Sauce,  
Macaroni & Cheese,  
Mixed Vegetables,  
Fruited Gelatin,  
Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

**- THURSDAY -**

Cheese Burger,  
Lettuce & Tomato,  
Sliced Pickles  
Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

**- FRIDAY -**

BBQ Chicken, Rice,  
Tossed Salad,  
Fresh Fruit,  
Milk

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## Creature Feature

*"Creature Features" are submitted by The Guantanamo Bay  
Environmental Office*

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**By Paul Schoenfeld**  
*Natural Resources Manager*

This is the first in a series of Creature Features on coral reefs. There is a documented decline in the condition of coral reefs worldwide. This decline is a serious threat to business, consumers, communities, and entire cultures due to an economic dependence on coral reef functions and values. It is a serious environmental threat due to the multitude of life that depend on coral reefs for survival, many of which form the basis of our economic dependence. Threats to coral reefs include pollution, overfishing, physical damage, and other impacts. These threats prompted the formation of a multi-agency Coral Reef Task Force comprised of 11 different federal agencies including the DOD. The DOD has taken an active role in coral reef conservation and, utilizing its technology and expertise, provides a high level of support to the Coral Reef Task Force initiatives.

At GTMO, we are fortunate to have an extensive coral reef system. These reefs provide us with very high quality recreational diving, fishing, snorkeling, and other uses. Our reefs are also in relatively good condition compared to many other reef systems and this is due in large part to DOD jurisdiction. As our mission progresses and our population grows, it becomes imperative that each and every one of us act responsibly with respect to our coral reefs. This begins with recycling our waste, proper disposal of hazardous waste, obeying the fishing and boating regulations in COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10H, and being careful when diving or anchoring a boat. One careless diver or one anchor in the coral can instantly damage what took decades to grow.

Coral reefs provide a home and nursery for nearly a million different species of fish and other marine organisms, many of which are important sources of food. They are the most diverse ecosystems on earth and are referred to as the rainforests of the oceans. They provide storm protection for coastal communities by buffering wave damage and reducing shoreline erosion. Coral reefs contain many newly discovered and yet undiscovered biomedical resources that have only recently been explored.

Coral reefs are a small component of a much larger ecosystem whose conservation depends largely on upland practices in watershed management. The reef is actually a collection of biological communities, and although the reef itself may be very large, the individual corals are small animals called polyps. The polyps, about the diameter of a pencil, grow in colonies. Each generation grows on skeletons left by their predecessors and this process builds the complex structures we call reefs. There are over 50 species of reef building corals in the Caribbean, segregated by competition and environmental conditions, and only growing in shallow tropical waters. This is because of their need for sunlight due to a symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationship with algae plant cells. The corals provide nutrients and a foundation for the algae to grow while the algae provide corals with food through photosynthesis (the process by which green plants manufacture food from sunlight). Therefore,

# Coral Reefs



*Stag horn coral is a candidate for Endangered Species listing*

sunlight penetrating the clear shallow tropical water is a requirement for coral reefs and upland watershed management practices which reduce sedimentation into these reefs are important for maintaining water clarity and the photosynthetic process. Excessive sedimentation loads can smother corals and adversely impact the reef also. A related practice for conserving coral reefs is conserving mangrove forests. While corals thrive in clear nutrient poor water, mangroves thrive in turbid nutrient rich water and function in trapping sediments from upland runoff. This function effectively reduces sedimentation into coral reefs and is so important that there is a parallel relationship between the presence of mangroves and the presence of coral. Reef building corals also require tropical or sub-tropical temperatures, and are only found between 30 degrees north and 30 degrees south of the equator.

*To be continued...*



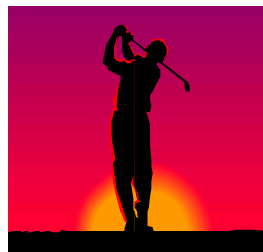
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**Get Your Tickets to the HSO  
Holiday Tour of Homes  
Sunday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 7pm.**

Tickets are \$5  
FMI, contact, Cheryl Lewis, 7338,  
or Julie Cota, 5573. This event is for  
adults and children 10 and older.

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## "Farewell to Curtis Wright Golf Tournament"



Curtis is an avid golfer at GTMO and has been a club member since the mid 70's.

**Date:** December 8

**Tee-time:** 8am

**Format:** Captains choice - 4 person teams.  
Limited to first 36 people to sign up at gym.

**Fee:** \$5 per person collected prior to tee-off.

No trophies. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs are provided to participants afterwards. For more info contact Tim Valle at 4056/4681(w) or 7174 (h)  
Sponsored by the Yatera Seca Golf Club.



# GTMO SHOPPER

## FOR SALE

(1) Black futon with metal frame, patio furniture, child's yard play barn, curtains (kitchen and patio). Call 7553.

(1) Laptop Sony VAIO FX36A-1Ghz, 256DRAM, 20GB HD, CDRW/DVD Combo, 15.1 TFT Screen, Modem, RJ45 and carrying brief case. Must Sale, Last Price drop. Ask. \$1000.00 transferable 3 years warranty with Best Buy. W-4233/H-7951

(2) For sale Gameboy Advance games: Madden 2003, \$25; Ecks vs. Sever, \$20; Super Mario 2, \$20; Spongebob-Flying Dutchman game, \$20. Call 7138 after 5pm.

(2) Large Dog Crate used to house and train puppies (approx. size 4' X 3' X 4'). \$50 OBO. Call Trish 7495.

(2) Bike for sale - Black, 27 in, 18 Speed. Shock absorber system in center of bike and front forks. Bought new in Jun 02. Includes small helmet, lock and foot pump. \$50 OBO. Call (H) 8064 or (W) 3108.

(2) Full-sized beginners Viola and full-sized beginners violin. \$75. Brand new, never used. Call 5661, leave a message.

(3) Kitchen table w/4 chairs, 4 months old - \$50. Call 7778 after 6pm.

(3) Blue Denim couch great condition less than two years old \$500 or best offer. Call Shelly at 5667 or 2510.

(3) Items for sale: 3 Entertainment Centers, \$15 each; Weight bench w/ weights, \$125; 2 microwave carts, \$15 and \$25; Full length dresser w/mirror, \$100; Video cabinet, \$35; DVD stand, \$15; Car cassette player w/speakers, \$75; 5.1 speaker system, \$400 OBO; 2 floor standing speakers, \$50. FMI, call 7729.

(3) Furniture for sale: Black futon couch/bed bottom bunk bed - \$200. Coleman fold-up picnic table w/ 4chairs - \$125. Couch and love seat, dark green, 6-months old - \$500. Call DWH 7096.

(3) Gas Bar-B-Q Grill. AWH 7864.

(3) Girl's metal day bed with trundle. \$75. Call JoAnn at 2774.

## VEHICLES/BOATS

(1) 1988 Nova with A/C- \$2,000 OBO. Call 7553.

(1) 1975 green Chevy Caprice, runs good!, asking \$1,200 OBO. Available 2 Dec. Call 5362 (DWH)

(1) 1985 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4 - great condition. Completely rebuilt engine, new paint job, and new shocks. Asking \$2,500 OBO. Call 3730 (DWH) or 2437 (AWH).

(1) 18ft. Bayliner w/70hp Johnson,

trailer, fish finder, 1983 Dodge Ram Pickup. All-in-one package. Call Henry at 7333 \*H) or 2010 (W).

(1) 1978 Dodge Pickup, 6cyl auto. Great GTMO Special - \$850. Call 7165.

(2) GTMO SPECIAL, 1978 White Dodge Pickup with extra seats in the bed - runs great \$900. Call 3155 (MSG Reid or LT Almaguer).

(2) 1982 Volvo - turbo charged excellent condition - \$1700. Call 3155 (MSG Reid or LT Almaguer).

(2) 1979 Cutlass Supreme - runs great, recent paint job, new oil pump. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Call 8046 or 5024.

(3) New Price! 1985 Ford Crown Victoria. Clean, new brakes, new tires, recently tuned runs great. Must sell soon! \$1,400 OBO. Call 3538 or 3356.

(3) 1984 Chevy S-10 Blazer. Runs Great. Clean, new clutch and brakes. Alpine radio. Asking \$2,000 OBO. Call 3538.

(3) 17 foot Carolina Skiff 85hp outboard; trolling motor; humming bird fish finder, 100qt cooler; fishing gear; all safety gear, and much more. Asking \$1,500. Call Tre' AWH at 7895.

(3) Pontoon Boat - New wiring for lights, new paint job. Have safety equipment, gas cans, and radio. Wanting to buy a new boat, asking \$2,000 OBO. Call DWH 2645/7490 or AWH 5681.

## WANTED

Wanted: acoustic guitar. Please call 6057 and leave a message for Mark.

Responsible individual wanted to pick children up at W.T. Sampson Elementary after school at 2pm and baby-sit until 5pm. FMI, call Olga (DWH) 3997 or (AWH) 5340.

RPG's your bag? Looking for players for the following: Warhammer 40K, Battletech, D&D, and V:TM. Would need a good ST to run V:TM. (limited source books) Call Mike after 5pm 7684.

Anyone that has a 4 or 6 cylinder pickup truck they are wanting to sell, please call 5350.

The Plant Nursery is in need of pots and soil. If anyone has pots that they could return to them it would be greatly appreciated.

WANTED: People to pick with. I have 3 guitars, a banjo, and a fiddle and I'm looking for people interested in playing some folk, gospel, bluegrass, or country music. Give me a call AWH if you're interested. Bill Brogan 5353.

Do you work for a publishing company and you're temporarily stationed in GTMO? The Home Education Network is looking for you! For more info call

4620 or 5520.

Individuals with a talent or love of music, willing to share time with elementary students. Includes, but is not limited to, individuals who play specific instruments, who can choreograph dances, who have vocal experience, and anyone who would just like to assist. If interested in teaching a specific skill, I would like to establish a resource file for parents seeking these opportunities for their children. I am also looking for any one in the community who drums and/or builds drums. FMI, call Shirley Baggett at 2207 (W.T. Sampson EC) or 7755 (Home).

Wanted: Plant loving individuals. W.T. Sampson Elementary School is transforming an open courtyard area into an environmental sanctuary There are many plants to be planted, benches to be built, and the list goes on. FMI, call Shirley Baggett at 2207 (W.T. Sampson EC) or 7755 (Home).

## EMPLOYMENT

The following are job vacancies currently open through the Human Resource Division.

### Vacancies:

Computer Assistant, closes 12/04/02 Clerk (Medical Records), closes 12/04/02

Lead Accounting Technician, closes 12/06/02 - Open to permanent full-time Jamaican Foreign National employees who were recruited and are employed by Naval Station, MWR, NEX and Tenant Commands services by the HRO

Open Continuous Vacancies: Supply Technician, 1st cutoff 12/21/01, closes 12/06/02 Firefighter, 1st cutoff 11/20/02, closes 11/06/03 - Open to permanent, full-time Jamaican Foreign National employees who were recruited and are employed by MWR, NEX, Naval Station and Tenant Commands serviced by the Naval Station HRO and Jamaican Foreign National contractor employees.

For more information on the above listed jobs, contact the Human Resources Division at ext. 4822 or 4430.

Community Bank has a full time teller position open. Resumes are being accepted. FYI 5116.

NEX Cashier (cash cage) - Reg/Full Time - Weekdays & Weekends. NOTE: Any contractors considering Full Time employment with the Navy Exchange must have a letter of release from your present employer attached to your application.

Full and part time food service positions open at the Bayview/ Windjammer Clubs: Baker, Cook, Server and Bus Person. Apply at the MWR

Personnel office in Bldg. 760 on Admin Hill.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCN will be open Friday November 29, 2002 during regular business hours.

Navy Federal Credit Union will be open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29th from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

**NAVY FEDERAL CUSTOMERS-ATM** Cards, Debit Cards, check orders and PIN Numbers are in. If you are waiting on any of the above, stop by the Credit Union with your ID card on or before December 31 to see if we have yours.

## SERVICES

Math Tutor: Elementary, high school and college math. Email me at math652002@yahoo.com.

## YARD SALE

Saturday, from 7 to 10am at VL730B. Furniture, Washer and Dryer, roll top desk with matching book shelf, large carpet, entertainment center with matching book shelf, bunk beds and dressers. Lots of beautiful girl cloths and boy cloths. No early birds.

## LOST & FOUND

Lost- Nov 15 a Pioneer 8mm camcorder was taken from the high school. We would like to ask for its return, especially the tape inside as it has some memories of our children. Call 7505 for more information.

Lost: a golf club on the base golf course last Friday afternoon, it was a Dunlap #5 Iron. If found call Willey @ 4125 ext 215.

## PERSONALS

William and Kim Gardner, The members of the United Jamaican Fellowship say thanks for your kind support throughout the time you were here. We won't forget all your kind words, encouragement and food for thought. We Surely are going to miss you both. Although you have a double portion of blessings as you leave us, we hope there are many more along the way. T.G.

To the men and women of NAVSTA Security and Migrant Operations - Thank you for all of the support during my recovery. We want to give a special thank you to the Martinez family, Rivera family, Dodd family, Jack Family and to MAC(AW) Brookins. You will be missed. - The Kalbers - Velvet, Al, Deven and James

## BARBERSHOP



**Comedy**

**1 hr. 42 min.**

*Starring: Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, Cedric the Entertainer, Sean Patrick Thomas, Eve*

Calvin (Ice Cube), who inherited a struggling barber shop on the south side of Chicago from his father, views the shop as nothing but a burden and a waste of his time. After selling the shop to a local loan shark, Calvin slowly begins to see his father's vision and legacy and struggles with the notion that he just sold it out.

## RED DRAGON

**Drama and Thriller**  
**2 hrs. 6 min.**

*Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Harvey Keitel*



In this prequel to "The Silence of the Lambs," the story of former FBI agent Will Graham, who was nearly killed by Hannibal Lecter, is told, and it includes the initial capture of "The Cannibal."

## HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS



**Kids/Family and Action/Adventure**

**2 hrs. 41 min.**

*Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh, John Cleese, Rupert Grint, David Bradley*

The follow-up to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone finds young wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school.

# Movies

## FRIDAY, NOV 29

7pm Stealing Harvard  
G - 98min

9pm Barbershop  
PG13- 96min

## SATURDAY, NOV 30

7pm The Santa Clause 2  
PG13 - 85min

9pm Red Dragon  
R - 106min

## SUNDAY, DEC 1

7pm Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets  
PG - 160min

## MONDAY, DEC 2

7pm The Tuxedo  
PG13 - 130min

## TUESDAY, DEC 3

7pm Barbershop  
PG13 - 96min

## WEDNESDAY, DEC 4

7pm Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets  
PG - 160min

## THURSDAY, DEC 5

7pm The Four Feathers  
R - 106min



**What's Happening...**

### Youth Center

November 29

K'Nex & Lego Building

November 30

Bingo Night

### Teen Center

November 29

90s Dance Fever Night

November 30

Hot Dog Night

### 2002 Electric Light Parade

November 30

Parade begins at 6pm.

The parade route will be along Sherman Avenue. Beginning at LCN parking lot and ending at the Downtown Lyceum.

To enter your float or for more information call 2345.

### Holiday Boat Parade

December 7

6pm at the Marina

You may enter your own boat or use one of the Marina's boat, free of charge. FMI call 2345

### Ham Shoot

December 8

6pm at the Bowling Center

\$5 Entry fee

FMI call 2118

### Christmas Party

December 13

6pm at the Windjammer

### The Bayview Restaurant

Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Saturday

5:30pm to 10pm

Sunday Brunch

9am to 1pm

Phone 2132/5604

### Karaoke

Wednesday nights at the Windjammer

Saturday nights at Rick's Lounge

### Children's Ceramic Class

November 30

9 to 11 am Ages - 7 to 9

Bear Ornaments - Cost \$2.

Must be paid in advance.

For more information on any of the events listed above, call 5225.